Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, the claims have been amended in response to the rejection of claims 1-24 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, to avoid the language objected to by the Examiner. These amendments render the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 moot.

Additional changes have been made to place the claims in more conventional form according to U.S. practice. Specifically, the expression "characterized by" in process claims 15-18, 23 and 24 has been changed to the more conventional --which comprises-- expression; and claim 24, which could be considered improper because it depends on both claim 20 and claim 18, has been amended to depend only on claim 18 by incorporating the definition for Formula (7) from claim 20.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the ground of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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